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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 97 and in compliance with Rule 56, Applicant hereby makes of record the following information.

The owner of this application has been using, for many years, an in-house intra-company system to assist its sales force in providing elevator system information to customers or potential customers. That system has been used by company employees in connection with services provided by the owner of this application known as OTISPLAN®. The system that has been used by the owner of this application allowed its own employees to obtain proposed or suggested elevator system design information by inputting appropriate information. That system has calculation capabilities such as determining a desired number of elevators, appropriate speeds and passenger capacity, among other features. That system has not been used by customers directly or by any authorized individuals outside of the company.

The subject matter of the present application differs from the system described in the previous paragraph in several respects. One particular difference is that the subject matter of the present application is concerned with providing information directly to customers and automatically facilitating the customer obtaining design or proposed design information.

Respectfully submitted,

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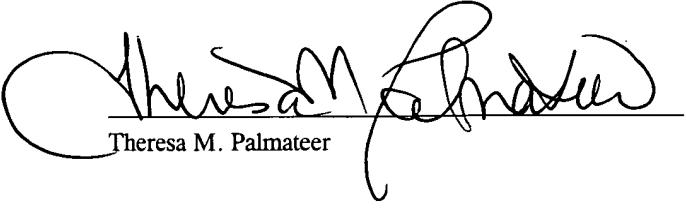


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